

REMARKS

The present applications stands with claims 6-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the cited Chuah et al. (Chuah) patent. These claims have been amended above to indicated that the acknowledgement signal sent by a base station transceiver to indicate that the preamble signal sent by a mobile station has reached a predetermined acceptable level but that the mobile system must not send a message signal since resources at the base station receiver are currently unavailable to process the message signal, but must send a further preamble at that same acceptable level. As noted by the Examiner in his final office action, Chuah does not reach that resources are unavailable. Accordingly, claims 6 and 7 are allowable over Chuah.

Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Housain for the opportunity to talk with him and discuss the present application and for his helpful suggestions and guidance.

Applicants undersigned would like to point out that the priority date of this PCT application is March 18, 1999, based on GB Application No. 9906198.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of all the claims presently in the application and passage to issue of the subject application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should feel that the application is not yet in a condition for allowance and that a telephone interview would be useful, he is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at (973) 386-8252.

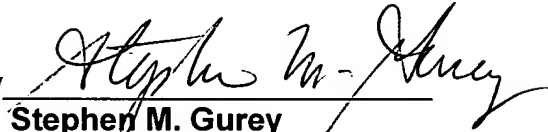
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